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SUBJ: QATARI AID TO GUINEA

1. MAY 10 EDITION OF DOHA DAILY "AL ARAB" REPORTED DECISION BY GOQ TO GRANT \$4 MILLION LOAN TO REPUBLIC OF GUINEA TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ARTICLE SAID THAT LOAN TERMS WERE "SOFT" BUT DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LOAN WAS MADE BY GOQ MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI FOLLOWING THREE DAY VISIT TO QATAR BY GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF GUINEA N'FAMARY SANGARE. ABDUL AZIZ MADE CUSTOMARY STATEMENT THAT LOAN WAS EXPRESSION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND ATTITUDE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH ABDUL AZIZ, SANGARE WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI.

2. LOAN IS SECOND INSTANCE OF QATARI AID TO GUINEA. ACCORDING TO FEBRUARY PRESS REPORTS HERE, GOQ MADE PLEDGE OF \$1 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MOSQUE IN CONAKRY. ACCOUNT SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, EGYPT AND LIBYA HAD ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR MOSQUE.
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